

REMARKS

Claims 46 and 47 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-13 and 15-17 are currently pending in the application.

In the July 22, 2010 Office Action, claim 46 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ikemoto, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,372,410). Claim 46 has been cancelled herein, without prejudice, thereby obviating this rejection.

Further, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-13 and 15-17 were allowable (see the July 29, 2010 Office Action, p. 6).

Request for Rejoinder Reminder

Applicants previously requested rejoinder of method claims 18, 20, 25-31, 33, 35, and 39-43 upon allowance of the composition claims 1-13, and 15-17.¹

Conclusion

Claims 1-13, and 15-17 are now in form and condition for allowance. If any additional issues remain, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 286-8090 to discuss same.

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ Rejoinder was previously requested in the response to the August 12, 2009 Office Action, filed November 9, 2009.

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